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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Air Force

ADDRESSEE : Major James F. Byrne  
AFMIL-31A

SUBJECT : Declassification of the "Report of the Scientific  
Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects"

1. We have just received the final letter from the members of the above Panel concerning your request for declassification of the above report. Both CIA and all members of the Panel have agreed that the conclusions of paragraph 2. can be declassified and that Recommendation 4.a. can be declassified. However, it is the decision of all concerned that no connection with CIA may be disclosed, that the conclusion of paragraph 3. may not be declassified and that the recommendation of 4.b. may not be declassified. On the basis of the above declassification, no member of the Panel objects to the use of his name in connection with the declassified conclusion and recommendation.

2. In order to simplify your utilization of the declassified material, I am attaching hereto a revised version of the report of the Panel which consists of a paraphrase of paragraph 1, the exact wording of paragraph 2, a new paragraph 3 which includes the declassified Recommendation 4.a. and an appropriate paraphrasing of the balance of paragraph 4 less Recommendation 4.b.

3. I trust that this will serve the purposes of this request.

  
Philip C. Strong  
Deputy Assistant Director

cc: Members of Panel

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